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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 6-22 without prejudice.

1. (Original) A reagent for measuring a concentration of an analyte in a hemoglobin-containing biological fluid, comprising
 - a) a flavin-dependent enzyme that has a flavin bound to it and that has specificity for the analyte,
 - b) a tetrazolium dye precursor,
 - c) an electron transfer agent, and
 - d) a nitrite salt.
 2. (Original) The reagent of claim 1 in which the analyte is glucose and the enzyme is glucose oxidase.
 3. (Original) The reagent of claim 1 in which the dye precursor is water-soluble.
 4. (Original) The reagent of claim 1 in which the electron transfer agent comprises phenazine methosulfate (PMS) or an analog thereof.
 5. (Original) The reagent of claim 1 further comprising a divalent metal stabilizer.
- 6.-22. (Cancelled)

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